

Initial Claims – November 2002

There were 6,518 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in November 2002; a decrease of 1,314 (16.8%) claims from the 7,832 claims filed in November 2001. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program, numbered 125 down from 498 in November 2001.

Claims filed due to a total lack of work identified through our Mass Layoff Statistics Program numbered 4,834 and accounted for 74 percent of the initial claims filed in November. There were 35 potential Mass Layoff events identified this month. Each action involved at least twelve layoffs from a single firm. The number of firms experiencing at least one layoff totaled 2,365.

November Initial Claims by Major Industry Division		
Industry	Number	Percent
	4,834	100%
Agriculture	177	3.7%
Mining	10	0.2%
Construction	676	14.0%
Manufacturing	1,196	24.7%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	112	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	164	3.4%
Retail Trade	571	11.8%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	126	2.6%
Services	1,217	25.2%
Government	27	0.6%
Not Classified	558	11.5%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,217 initial claims, accounting for 25.2 percent of the initial claims filed in November. Last November there were 1,152 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the service sector. Layoffs in Business Services (396) accounted for 33.0 percent of claims in this sector. Health Services (230) accounted for 19.0 percent of claims in this sector. These two industries accounted for more than half of the layoffs associated with the Service sector and 13.0 percent of all claims filed.

There were a total of 1,196 initial claims filed within the Manufacturing sector, accounting for 24.7 percent of the November claims. Last November there were 1,808 initial claims filed by individuals working in the manufacturing sector. Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment (279) accounted for the most layoffs in this sector followed by Miscellaneous Manufacturing which includes the jewelry industry (234) and Fabricated Metal Products (148).

The Construction sector accounted for 14.0 percent of initial claims, with initial claims filed this month totaling 676. This is a 68.0 percent rise over last year's initial claims for the month of November.

November Layoffs by Industry

SIC	Industry	Number	Percent
Total		4,834	100.0%
Agriculture		177	3.7%
01	Agriculture Production - Crops	33	0.7%
02	Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	0	0.0%
07	Agricultural Services	138	2.9%
08	Forestry	3	0.0%
09	Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	3	0.1%
Mining		10	0.2%
14	Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	10	0.2%
Construction		676	14.0%
15	Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	120	2.5%
16	Heavy Construction Other Than Building Construction - Contractors	71	1.5%
17	Construction - Special Trade Contractors	485	10.0%
Manufacturing		1,196	24.7%
20	Food and Kindred Products	15	0.3%
22	Textile Mill Products	103	2.1%
23	Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	5	0.1%
24	Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	9	0.2%
25	Furniture and Fixtures	25	0.5%
26	Paper and Allied Products	8	0.2%
27	Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	31	0.6%
28	Chemicals and Allied Products	12	0.2%
29	Petroleum Refining and Related Industries	3	0.1%
30	Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	32	0.7%
31	Leather and Leather Products	34	0.7%
32	Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	52	1.1%
33	Primary Metal Industries	52	1.1%
34	Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	148	3.1%
35	Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	73	1.5%
36	Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	279	5.8%
37	Transportation Equipment	45	0.9%
38	Measuring, Analyzing, and Controlling Instruments; Photographic, Medical & Optical Goods; Watches and Clocks	36	0.7%
39	Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	234	4.8%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities		112	2.3%
41	Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	19	0.4%
42	Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	33	0.7%
43	United States Postal Service	4	0.1%
44	Water Transportation	16	0.3%
45	Transportation by Air	8	0.2%
47	Transportation Services	15	0.3%
48	Communications	15	0.3%
49	Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	2	0.0%
Wholesale Trade		164	3.4%
50	Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	76	1.6%
51	Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	88	1.8%
Retail Trade		571	11.8%
52	Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	26	0.5%
53	General Merchandise Stores	102	2.1%
54	Food Stores	49	1.0%
55	Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	62	1.3%
56	Apparel and Accessory Stores	26	0.5%
57	Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	16	0.3%
58	Eating and Drinking Places	217	4.5%
59	Miscellaneous Retail	73	1.5%

November Layoffs by Industry

SIC	Industry	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate		126	2.6%
60	Depository Institutions	25	0.5%
61	Nondepository Credit Institutions	13	0.3%
62	Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	19	0.4%
63	Insurance Carriers	26	0.5%
64	Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	6	0.1%
65	Real Estate	36	0.7%
67	Holding and Other Investment Offices	1	0.0%
Services		1,217	25.2%
70	Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	146	3.0%
72	Personal Services	21	0.4%
73	Business Services	396	8.2%
75	Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	42	0.9%
76	Miscellaneous Repair Services	29	0.6%
78	Motion Pictures	4	0.1%
79	Amusement and Recreation Services	146	3.0%
80	Health Services	230	4.8%
81	Legal Services	10	0.2%
82	Educational Services	35	0.7%
83	Social Services	59	1.2%
84	Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	16	0.3%
86	Membership Organizations	15	0.3%
87	Engineering, Accounting, Research, Management, and Related Services	63	1.3%
88	Private Households	4	0.1%
89	Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	1	0.0%
Government		27	0.6%
91	Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	22	0.5%
92	Justice, Public Order, and Safety	0	0.0%
93	Public Finance, Taxation & Monetary Policy	0	0.0%
94	Administration of Human Resource Programs	1	0.0%
95	Administration of Environmental Quality and Housing Programs	2	0.0%
96	Administration of Economic Programs	2	0.0%
99	Nonclassifiable Establishments	558	11.5%